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NEW HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTED -- Scanteia, No 1290, 1 Dec 48

The Lunca Cernel-Demsusi, Hunedoara Judet, Highway was opened on 28 November 1948. This road has a length of 36 kilometers and 5,000 farmers helped in the work. The value of the voluntary work amounted to 10 million lei.

PUBLIC WORKS IN TIMIS, TORONTAL JUDET -- Scanteia, No 1297, 9 Dec 48

The most important work being done in Timis, Torontal Judet, includes the reconstruction of the Timisoara-Cenet Highway, construction of the narrow-gauge railroad from Lucaret to Topolovat, which will be especially useful for transporting rock from the basalt quarries, repair of schools, bridges, culverts, communal stables, abattoirs, etc. The planned work will cost 91,099,580 lei.

ARAD-HALMAGIU NATIONAL HIGHWAY REPAIRED -- Scanteia, No 1295, 7 Dec 48

The Arad-Bocsig-Varfurile-Halmagiu National Highway, 140 kilometers, had become so deteriorated that the Department of Highways ordered its repair. In the Arad-Bocsig sector, voluntary labor transported 600 cubic meters of gravel; in the Bocsig-Halmagiu sector, 5,400 cubic meters of gravel and rock; in the Bocsig-Varfurile sector, 21 kilometers of highway was graded and rolled by voluntary workers. In all sectors there was extensive repair of culverts and bridges. The value of voluntary work amounted to about 8,000,000 lei.

MACHINISTS INCREASE PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1311, 28 Dec 48

The operators of lathes at "Republica" and at "Grivita-Locomotive" have surpassed their norms in the course of socialist competitions. Chirila Gavril of "Grivita-Locomotive," working on nuts and clamps, completed in 8 hours the work which formerly had taken 38 hours and exceeded the norm by 375 percent. Dorobantu Gheorghe, performing the same work at the same shop, accomplished in 8 hours the amount of work which had formerly required 30 hours and thus exceeded his quota by 275 percent. Also at "Grivita," Nedrag Aurel surpassed his norm by 55 percent and Popescu Lile by 36 percent. At "Republica," surpluses up to 350 and 400 percent were recorded. Both of these installations are located in Bucharest.

NEW RAILROAD CLASSIFICATION YARD COMPLETED -- Scanteia, No 1290, 1 Dec 48

Hundreds of members of work brigades, along with laborers and technicians of the Rumanian State Railroads, have completed the construction of a new classification yard at Brasov. The work was completed 15 days ahead of schedule.

STRAIGHTENING THE COURSE OF PRAHOVA RIVER -- Scanteia, No 1292, 3 Dec 48

Voluntary workers have worked 6,000 hours and dug 108,000 cubic meters of earth in order to build a canal 400 meters long and 180 meters wide. This canal will eliminate a sharp bend of the Prahova River near the Golgota Commune. Prior to the construction of the canal, the river frequently overflowed its banks and inundated the National Highway. The new course of the Prahova River will permit reclamation of 30 hectares of farm land.

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BRIDGE OVER THE SIRET RIVER -- Scanteia, No 1297, 9 Dec 48

A permanent bridge, replacing a floating bridge, has been built over the Siret River at Fundul Bogdan, downstream from Bacau, in Tamasi Commune. The distance to Bacau is reduced by 10 kilometers for vehicles, since the new bridge can be used by wagons.

SURPLUS AT CONSTANTA SHIPYARD -- Scanteia, No 1314, 31 Dec 48

The workers and technicians of the Sovromtransport shipyard in Constanta have recorded outstanding production: the foundry section, 163 percent; pattern section, 161 percent; the hardware section, 160 percent; the electrical section, 122 percent; and the assembly, machining, carpentry, and boiler sections have all shown production above their established norms.

The successes of the technicians and workers are due to the continuous aid that they have received from the party organization and the valuable assistance of Soviet technicians.

SHIPS LAUNCHED AT DINAMICA SHIPYARD -- Scanteia, No 1290, 1 Dec 48

On 25 November, the shipyard "Dinamica" in Turun-Severin launched the fourth vessel built since the war. The vessel has a capacity of 1,000 tons and was finished 10 days ahead of schedule, being launched on 25 November instead of 15 December.

SHIPS LAUNCHED AT BRAILA SHIPYARD -- Scanteia, No 1291, 2 Dec 48

On Tuesday, 30 November 1948, the "Sovromtransport" shipyard in Braila launched "Sardex II," a 575-ton motor coast vessel. This is the fourteenth vessel that has been launched during the year by this shipyard. The construction was finished 4 days ahead of schedule. The fifteenth and sixteenth vessels to be built by this shipyard are scheduled to be launched by 5 December.

MINESWEEPER CONVERTED TO FISHING VESSEL -- Scanteia, No 1298, 10 Dec 48

The vessel "ET 35," a minesweeper during the war, has been converted at the Sovromtransport shipyard in Constanta into a fishing fleet vessel. The boat will be used to collect seaweed from the bottom of the sea, which will be processed to produce tincture of iodine. The work of converting the warship into a fishing boat was finished 10 days ahead of schedule through efficient organization of labor and competitions between the various crews.

SERIAL PRODUCTION OF DIESEL ENGINES STARTED -- Scanteia, No 1300, 12 Dec 48

The metallurgical shops, "Twenty-Third of August," have started serial production of Diesel engines from 20-220 horsepower and even up to 300 horsepower, if necessary.

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